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JTAC Jury Management System

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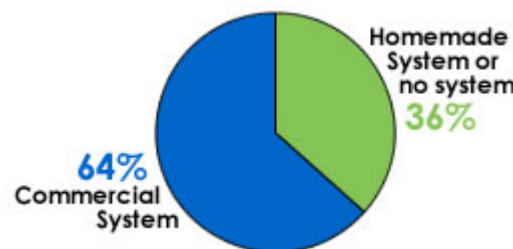
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PROJECT OVERVIEW

With more than 2,000 jury trials in Indiana each year, a critical part of each trial is gathering an impartial jury as guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution. In September 2005, the Indiana Supreme Court created a comprehensive list of potential jurors available to every county free of charge. Since then, courts all over the state have observed more representative, inclusive and diverse jury pools and the Indiana Supreme Court's Jury Pool program has been honored with national and state awards.

The Indiana Supreme Court, Judicial Technology and Automation Committee (JTAC), and Indiana Jury Committee have taken the next step by developing a web-based Jury Management System (JMS) that will be available to all courts at no cost.

More than one third of Indiana's 92 counties do not have a commercial jury management system, and many counties that do have systems are not satisfied. Many courts are managing jurors and jury panels using homemade systems, and still others are completing these tasks manually on paper. JTAC's Jury Management System will be available in 2008.



HOW IT WORKS

The electronic application will be available through the INCite (Indiana Court Information Technology Extranet) website. Counties will be able to select jurors randomly, assign panels, manage panels, and manage claims to pay jurors. The system will also print labels, summonses, orders and other documents. In addition, the system will provide an automated website that lists jury panel cancellations by ID number, so citizens can check if they are needed for service via the Internet instead of calling the courthouse.



Counties that do not use the jury management system will still have the ability to securely export their Supreme Court approved master jury list or create jury pools from their master list through the INCite extranet.

BENEFITS OF THE SYSTEM

The system and maintenance is free to all counties

Supreme Court jury lists can be automatically imported into the JMS

Jury management operations will be automated

Juror information will be easily searchable and updated

The system will merge juror and trial information into the documents

A public website will permit potential jurors to check trial status

NEXT STEPS

Before making the Jury Management System (JMS) available statewide, JTAC will conduct an extensive pilot project. Two discovery sessions were held in December 2006 to get feedback from county jury administrators and to identify potential pilot counties. Valuable feedback was received and is assisting JTAC in producing and delivering a better jury management system.

JTAC will select pilot counties and send staff to conduct training on the application in the summer of 2007.

During the pilot, JTAC will survey field staff using the system to receive feedback. Updates to the JMS will be implemented based on the feedback received. It is anticipated that the JMS will be available statewide in the spring of 2008.